

The speech of Gov. HELM, which was delivered in the State House, Frankfort, on Friday evening, appears in our column this morning. Few public men in Kentucky have given greater attention to political affairs than Gov. HELM. His observations of men and things in the course of a long public career, together with a vigorous intellect, enable him to present the topics he discusses in a practical light before the country. A perusal of his speech will, therefore, be pleasant and profitable.

Public Speaking.

We are authorized to say that Col. BLANTON DUNCAN will address the citizens of Louisville on Tuesday, in the City Hall, at 8 P.M. His remarks will have reference to the political issues that distract and threaten to involve our common country in ruin.

THEATRE.—*Third Night of the Week-Steerer—An Exciting Drama—To-Night—GREEN BUSES.*—The theater was well attended last night, and the Webbs were very clever in the drama of the Wandering Boys. Miss Ada was heartily applauded in the various parts which she assumed in the tragic scenes of the Massacre's Daughter.

This evening the bill is presented, consisting of the beautiful drama of Queen Boudicca and the proton drama of Five in One. Green Buses has always been a favorite play here, although very rarely performed. The character sustained by Miss Ada in the play is that of a simple Irish girl, illustrating the rare fidelity and attachment of the Irish domestics, as shown in the household of the Massacre's Daughter.

The third night of the performance, which amount to as little as could be expected over so much space. They declare, in brief, that the people of the State view with lively apprehension the dangers that surround the country; that they are in a feverish condition to see that the speech of the Speaker, "It is not the *Decree*," and we have reason to believe that his publication therein was not requested by Mr. MERRIMAN. It explains itself, and fully justifies the Speaker in all he did, despite the attacks, direct or covert, that he made.

In a letter contained in the Louisville Democrat of the 26th inst., I find the following:

"I have received from the citizens of Jefferson county, a petition signed by some hundred and twenty names of the leading men, and signed by the General Assembly, dragging into the Senate chamber in Irish form, who to the best of my knowledge, and as far as I can learn, were some hundred citizens—the two and twenty-four pound guns, and the amount of about 22,000 pounds of small arms, and 100,000 rounds of ammunition, companies of artillery, under Capt. Hodges and Langhorne, a third which, we presume, is to be used for the defense of the South, incident to the piece, not the least attractive feature of the performance."

The great play of the Colleen Bawn, we are pleased to learn, is nearly ready, and will soon be produced, with enterprising and novel effects, never produced in any other place. The extraordinary success of this play is remarkable even in the case of a drama of this character for running for months in succession.

In London, the Colleen Bawn is now playing at the Adelphi, where it has had a continuous run of one hundred and twenty nights. It has been played in almost every city during the present season, and in no one instance has it failed to draw crowded houses, night after night for weeks together.

Its success indicates extraordinary merit in the piece. We are glad to learn that the opportunity of seeing it in our theater will soon be offered.

The Seizure of the Georgia Musketeers at New York.

The following tidings have passed between Senator Toombs, of Georgia, and his Honor Mayor Wood, relative to the seizure of arms by the police on Tuesday last:

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